

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District

# **Public Notice**

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# NATIONWIDE PERMIT REISSUANCE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING

On August 9, 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published in the <u>Federal Register</u> its proposal to reissue the Nationwide Permits (NWPs).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters Office will conduct a public hearing in Washington, D.C., on September 12, 2001, at the GAO Building, 7<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium. The intent of this hearing is to solicit public comments, both oral and written, on the NWP Program as a whole or on individually proposed NWPs on a national level. The public record for this hearing will conclude at close of business September 22, 2001. This date is separate from the <u>Federal Register</u> notice closing date for the receipt of written comments. For further information on the hearing or the proposed NWPs, please contact Mr. Rich White at (202) 761-4599 or Mr. Sam Collinson, at (202) 761-4594.

NWPs are general permits issued on a nationwide basis to authorize minor activities with minimal evaluation time. Some activities authorized by NWPs require pre-construction notification to the District Engineer before commencing with the work. This notification requirement to the District Engineer is necessitated to ensure that activities authorized by these NWPs have minimal individual and cumulative adverse impacts on the aquatic environment.

This notice is the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed re-issuance of existing NWPs and conditions. Comments on a national issues relating to these NWPs should be sent to the GAO Building, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Regulatory Branch (ATTN: CECW-OR), 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314-1000. Comments on the proposed new and modified NWPs are due by September 24, 2001.

For those NWPs that result in a discharge into waters of the United States, an individual State Section 401 Water Quality Certification or waiver is required. Additionally, State Coastal Zone Management Act consistency concurrence or waiver is required for those NWP activities within or affecting the State's Coastal Zone. The Corps believes, in general, that these NWPs comply with State Water Quality Certification standards and are consistent with State Coastal Zone Management Plans. However, Corps Districts are working individually with the appropriate State agencies to identify and resolve any issues before finalizing these NWPs.

Provisional determinations, including environmental documents, have been prepared indicating that these NWPs comply with the requirements for issuance under general permit authority. These documents, as well as the proposed NWPs, are available for viewing on the Internet at the addresses listed below or at the Honolulu Engineer District Regulatory Branch. You may contact Ms. Lolly Silva at (808)438-7023 for further information.

The Corps will prepare final decision documents when the NWPs are issued or modified. These documents will be available as indicated in the preceding paragraph.

Enclosed is an index of the proposed NWPs, general conditions and definitions. You may obtain a full text copy of the NWPs through the Corps Home Page or GPO Federal Register address listed below.

## Internet addresses:

http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/.

As an alternate, World Wide Web users can access the <u>Federal Register</u> through the Government Printing Office (GPO) at <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/">http://www.access.gpo.gov/</a>.

#### Index of Nationwide Permits, Conditions, Further Information, and Definitions

## **Proposed Nationwide Permits**

- 1. Aids to Navigation
- 2. Structures in Artificial Canals
- 3. Maintenance
- 4. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities
- 5. Scientific Measurement Devices
- 6. Survey Activities
- 7. Outfall Structures and Maintenance
- 8. Oil and Gas Structures
- 9. Structures in Fleeting and Anchorage Areas
- 10. Mooring Buoys
- 11. Temporary Recreational Structures
- 12. Utility Line Activities
- 13. Bank Stabilization
- 14. Linear Transportation Projects\*
- 15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
- 16. Return Water From Upland Contained Disposal Areas
- 17. Hydropower Projects
- 18. Minor Discharges
- 19. Minor Dredging
- 20. Oil Spill Cleanup
- 21. Surface Coal Mining Activities\*
- 22. Removal of Vessels
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- 26. RESERVED
- 27. Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities\*
- 28. Modifications of Existing Marinas
- 29. Single-family Housing
- 30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
- 31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities\*
- 32. Completed Enforcement Actions
- 33. Temporary Construction, Access and Dewatering
- 34. Cranberry Production Activities
- 35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
- 36. Boat Ramps
- 37. Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation\*
- 38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste
- 39. Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Developments\*
- 40. Agricultural Activities\*
- 41. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches
- 42. Recreational Facilities\*
- 43. Stormwater Management Facilities\*
- 44. Mining Activities

#### **Nationwide Permit General Conditions**

- 1. Navigation
- 2. Proper Maintenance
- 3. Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls
- 4. Aquatic Life Movements\*
- 5. Equipment
- 6. Regional and Case-by-Case Conditions
- 7. Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 8. Tribal Rights
- 9. Water Quality\*
- 10. Coastal Zone Management
- 11. Endangered Species
- 12. Historic Properties
- 13. Notification\*
- 14. Compliance Certification
- 15. Use of Multiple Nationwide Permits.
- 16. Water Supply Intakes
- 17. Shellfish Beds
- 18. Suitable Material
- 19. Mitigation\*
- 20. Spawning Areas
- 21. Management of Water Flows\*
- 22. Adverse Effects from Impoundments
- 23. Waterfowl Breeding Areas
- 24. Removal of Temporary Fills
- 25. Designated Critical Resource Waters
- 26. Fills Within 100-year Floodplains\*
- 27. Construction Period \*

#### **Definitions**

Best Management Practices Permanent Above-grade Fill

Compensatory Mitigation Preservation
Creation Restoration

EnhancementRiffle and Pool ComplexEphemeral StreamSingle and Complete ProjectFarm TractStormwater Management

Flood Fringe Stormwater Management Facilities

Floodway Stream Bed

Independent Utility Stream Channelization

Intermittent Stream Tidal Wetland
Loss of Waters of the United States Vegetated Buffer
Non-tidal Wetland Vegetated Shallows

Open Water Waterbody

<sup>\*</sup> Proposed change, simplification or modification to NWP or General Condition